Precision measurement of the ratio of the electric and magnetic form factors of the neutron with polarized ³He using CLAS

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ABSTRACT

We propose to measure the polarization response of ${}^3\overline{\text{He}}(\vec{e},e'n)$ in the quasielastic region to extract the neutron electric to magnetic form factor ratio (G_E^n/G_M^n) with CLAS. We present a plan to adapt existing techniques for polarizing helium by alkali spin exchange for use in the CLAS. The anticipated precision in the ratio corresponds to an uncertainty of 0.002 in G_E^n at low momentum transfer, and approximately 0.010 at 3 GeV/c^2 (in four-momentum bins of $\Delta Q = 0.2 \text{ GeV/c}$).